



# COSTA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Release Date:** July 5, 2012  
**Time:**

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**Incident / DR#:** Stolen Vehicle & Assault w/ a Deadly Weapon  
12-7998

**Date:** July 5, 2012

**Location:** 2205 Harbor Blvd. (New Harbor Inn)

**Time:** 6:11 am

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<b>Suspect One:</b>	<b>Name:</b> Unknown	<b>Age:</b> 19-24 year old, Male, Hispanic, Wearing a black sweatshirt, blue jeans, black baseball cap (see photo)
	<b>City of Residence:</b>	
	<b>Charges:</b>	:
<b>Suspect Two:</b>	<b>Name:</b> (Arrested-name withheld at this time)	<b>Age:</b> Male Adult
	<b>City of Residence:</b>	
	<b>Charges:</b> Auto theft and Assault w/ a Deadly Weapon	:
<b>Victim:</b>	<b>Name:</b> Costa Mesa Police Officer	<b>Age:</b>
	<b>City of Residence:</b>	:
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<b>Vehicle:</b>	2001 black Nissan Pick-up Truck	

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### Synopsis:

On July 5, 2012, at about 6:11 am, an officer from the Costa Mesa Police Department drove into the parking lot of the New Harbor Inn. He had received an electronic vehicle tracking system activation, indicating a stolen vehicle was in the area. When the officer turned into the southwest portion of the lot, he saw a black Nissan pick-up truck, later found to be a confirmed outstanding stolen vehicle, occupied by two male adult suspects. The driver of the stolen pick-up immediately backed up and then accelerated forward, violently ramming the officer's marked police vehicle twice. In an effort to defend himself, the officer fired his duty weapon several times in response to this violent attack, striking the suspects' vehicle several times.

The passenger-suspect exited the vehicle and immediately surrendered. The driver-suspect fled on foot. The driver-suspect was last seen running eastbound from the location, on to Harbor Blvd., and out of view.

At this time, it is unknown for certain if the outstanding suspect was injured.

Officers are in the midst of an area search for the outstanding suspect, with the assistance of allied agencies, the Huntington Beach Police helicopter, and an Orange County Sheriff bloodhound.

The Orange County District Attorney's Officer Involved Shooting team was called to the scene and is now conducting a joint investigation with the Costa Mesa Police Department's Detective Bureau.

There are no further details available at this time.

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